

## **Forklift Operator – Welding Area**

Location: Walker Manufacturing – Fort Collins, CO

### **Position Overview:**

Forklift Operators in the Welding Area at Walker Manufacturing are responsible for supporting welding operations by safely transporting raw materials, fabricated parts, and completed weldments throughout the facility. This role plays a critical part in maintaining production flow by ensuring weld cells are properly supplied and finished assemblies are moved efficiently to the next stage of production. Operators must work safely and effectively in a high-activity environment around welding operations, heat, and moving equipment.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Sets a positive example through strong work ethic, attention to detail, and commitment to safety
- Operate forklift to move steel, components, and weldments to and from welding stations
- Supply weld cells with raw materials including plate, pipe, and structural steel
- Remove finished weldments and transport to inspection, paint, or staging areas
- Load and unload trucks with heavy or oversized fabricated parts
- Work closely with welders, supervisors, and production leads to prioritize workflow and maintain production flow
- Perform daily forklift inspections and report maintenance or safety concerns
- Ensure safe handling of hot materials and parts when applicable
- Follow all safety protocols when operating in active welding environments
- Maintain organized staging areas and ensure proper material identification
- Assist with general shop support including moving fixtures and scrap removal

### **Qualifications:**

- Previous forklift operation experience required, manufacturing or fabrication environment preferred
- Ability to safely handle large, heavy, and irregular-shaped loads
- Strong awareness of surroundings in high-traffic and high-risk environments
- Basic understanding of shop layout and production flow
- Ability to perform physical work including lifting 25 to 50 lbs

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Experience working in a welding or metal fabrication environment
- Knowledge of rigging, load balancing, and material handling techniques
- Ability to read basic part tags or work orders

### **Personal Attributes:**

- Strong safety mindset in a higher-risk environment
- Good communication skills when working with welders and team leads
- Ability to stay organized under production pressure
- Attention to detail when staging and moving materials
- Reliable and dependable with a strong work ethic

### **Work Environment:**

Exposure to heat, sparks, welding fumes, and loud noise. Fast-paced production floor with moving equipment and personnel. Personal protective equipment is required including gloves, eye protection, and other safety gear as needed.

### **Why Work at Walker Manufacturing?**

At Walker, we take pride in building premium lawn mowers known worldwide for quality and performance. As part of our team, you will enjoy a supportive work environment, steady year-round employment, and opportunities to grow with a company that values craftsmanship, teamwork, and reliability.